

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6568

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, February 7, 2012

Title: An act relating to establishing the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss account and the school for the blind account.

Brief Description: Creating accounts for the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss and for the school for the blind.

Sponsors: Senators Pridemore and Shin; by request of Washington State School for the Blind and Center for Childhood Deafness.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/06/12, 2/07/12 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6568 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Murray, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Parlette, Ranking Minority Member Capital; Baumgartner, Brown, Conway, Fraser, Harper, Hatfield, Hewitt, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, Kastama, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Padden, Pridemore, Regala, Schoesler and Tom.

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Background: The Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Childhood Hearing Loss and the Washington State School for the Blind are residential schools located in Vancouver, Washington.

To date, fees collected from the following have been deposited into the respective schools General Fund-Local Account with permission of the Office of Financial Management (OFM): (1) fees for services charged to out of state residents; and (2) charges for contracts with school districts for students serviced by the district, who seek additional consultation or advice from the schools.

Recently, accounting functions were transferred from the schools to the Small Agency Client Services (SACS); at which time SACS informed the schools and OFM that depositing these

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funds into the General Fund-Local Account would not allow the schools to carry funds forward from year to year, as had previously been allowed by the OFM.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss Account and the Washington State School for the Blind Account is created in the custody of the State Treasurer, to be used for fees for contracts, tuition, donations, and other incomes. Both accounts are non-appropriated but allotted, and will retain their interest earnings.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): Makes technical corrections to references in section 2. Removes the July 1, 2012 effective date. The bill will now take effect ninety days after session.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.